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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 12/13/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 13-18, 20-29, 31 and 32.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 22 March 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Jason Webb on 3/2/05.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 13:

Line 6, before "solvent" (first and second occurrence), insert –liquid—

Line 7, after "vapors" insert –from the liquid solvent—

Claim 14:

Line 2, before "removing" insert –step of—

Line 2, after "residue", delete "step"

Lines 3 and 4, before "solvent" insert –liquid—

Claim 16:

Line 1, delete "applying a solvent" and insert –step of applying a liquid solvent, further comprising—

Claim 17:

Line 1, before "solvent" insert –liquid—

Claim 18:

Line 1, before "solvent" insert –liquid—

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Line 2, delete “dabbing” and insert –blotting—

Claim 20: line 1, before “solvent” insert –liquid—

Claim 22:

Line 1, delete “wherein the vapor transfer box comprises a plurality of individual compartments, and wherein each individual compartment includes an absorbent pad, and wherein the vapor transfer chamber includes is partition with a second set of individual compartments configured to correspond with the individual compartments of the vapor transfer box” and insert –wherein the absorbent pad comprises a plurality of smaller absorbent pads individually situated into partitioned compartments within the vapor transfer box—

Claim 23, line 1, delete “applying a solvent step,” and insert –step of applying a liquid solvent to the absorbent pad, further comprising—

Claim 25:

Line 1, delete “the heavier solvent vapors evacuate the ambient air through vent holes around an upper portion of the vapor transfer chamber” and insert –the step of evacuating ambient air in the solvent vapor chamber through at least one hole in the solvent vapor chamber is accomplished by displacement of ambient air by said solvent vapors—

Claim 27:

Line 3, after “pyrrolidinone” insert –liquid solvent—

Between lines 3 and 4, and after “material;” insert –preventing said N-methyl pyrrolidinone liquid solvent from passing through the absorbent material and directly onto the textile surface;—

Line 5, after “vapors” insert –from said liquid solvent—

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Claim 28:

Line 1, before “removing” insert –step of—

Line 2, delete “step” (first occurrence only)

Line 2, before “directly” insert –liquid solvent—

Claim 29:

Line 2, delete “vapor transfer chamber” and insert –solvent vapor chamber—

Claim 30: Cancel

Claim 32:

Line 3, before “solvent” insert –liquid—

Between lines 5 and 6, and after “material;” insert –preventing said liquid solvent from passing through the absorbent material and directly onto the textile surface;—

Line 7, after “vapors” insert –from said liquid solvent—

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sharidan Carrillo whose telephone number is 571-272-1297. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 6:30-3:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Michael E. Barr can be reached on 571-272-1414. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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